REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks. In the Office action mailed March 21, 2005, claims 6-11, 13, 26-32, and 35 were objected to. Additionally, claims 2-5, 12, 14-25, 23-23, and 33-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,285,943 to Riesenfeld and U.S. Patent No. 3,473,026 to Updegrave.

Claim Objections

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 6-11, 13, 26-32, and 35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, applicant has rewritten claims 6, 13, and 26 in independent form. Claims 7-11, 27-32, and 35 depend, directly or indirectly, from those rewritten claims. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections of claims 6-11, 13, 26-32, and 35.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Applicant has canceled claims 2-5, 12, 14-25, and 33-34, without prejudice.

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